

9 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 9 July 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Bradford (USIA), Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dulles,
Mr. Herter, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Staats

1. Press Conference for Air Crew

The group examined the proposed statement to be issued to the press by Colonel Dale Brannon, senior officer aboard the airplane forced down in Soviet Armenia. After some relatively minor editing, the statement was approved for issuance at a press conference to be held in Wiesbaden 10 July. In addition, certain guidelines were set out for answers to anticipated questions. It was agreed that no comments beyond these approved statements would be made by any member of the crew.

2. Eglin Field Test

A draft press release to be issued by the Department of Defense in connection with the scheduled test of a Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft missile, equipped with a nuclear warhead, was approved. It was agreed that the Department of State should notify the governments of Cuba and Mexico of the impending test, which is now scheduled to be held at Eglin Air Force Base in August or September. Provided there has been an opportunity to receive the comments of these two governments, it is planned to release the agreed statement on 19 or 21 July.

It was pointed out that the information plan developed in connection with the test contemplates the release of limited quantities of still and motion pictures of various test phases and of the weapon employed. In this connection it was noted that the AEC objects to

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the release of photographs of the nuclear explosion; it was agreed that Defense and the AEC would consult further on this point, although this need not hold up the issuance of the statement.

3. Weapons Demonstration for Asian Leaders

Mr. Sprague reported that the recently-concluded weapons demonstration for Asian military leaders, held in the Western Pacific, had been enthusiastically received and that on all counts it appears to have been an unqualified success. It was agreed that the Executive Officer would prepare a minute of congratulations to be forwarded to Admiral Stump through the Secretary of Defense.

4. Progress Report on Indonesia

It was pointed out that the last regular OCB Report on Indonesia was transmitted to the NSC on 9 October 1957 and that the NSC Special Report on Indonesia, dated 25 September 1957, is largely out of date. It was agreed that the OCB Working Group should be instructed to proceed in about ten days with the preparation of an up-to-date progress report, provided that by that time the results of Ambassador Jones' scheduled discussions with Sukarno are available. Mr. Dulles cautioned that the report should be a factual one and should not attempt to pre-judge policy matters.

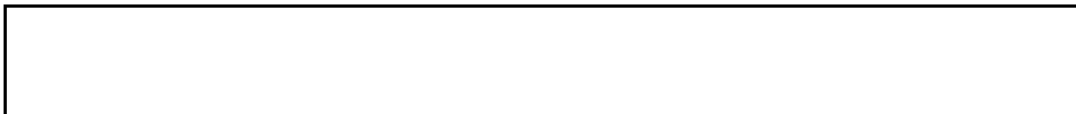


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6. Pamphlet on Disarmament

Mr. Herter outlined some difficulties which had arisen in connection with financing the "White Paper" which the State Department has prepared on U.S. disarmament efforts. The Executive Officer was instructed to explore sources of funds to assure that the pamphlet will be produced.



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7. Air Force Officer to Lebanon

Mr. Sprague outlined proposed plans for sending Colonel Charles Hostler to Beirut with the primary job of dealing directly with General Shehab. The group noted that it would be unwise to send an officer with this avowed mission but that Defense plans to avoid this difficulty by assigning Colonel Hostler as a replacement for the military attache now in Lebanon. It was agreed that his ostensible mission should be to report to the U.S. on progress in the civil war and that we should not attempt to influence Shehab openly to take actions desired by the U.S.

8. Invitation to Soviet Scientists

The Board was asked to concur in a proposed invitation to certain Soviet scientists to participate in the Second Symposium on Physics and Medicine of the Atmosphere and Space which is to be sponsored by the U.S. Air Force School of Medicine in San Antonio in November of this year. The Board saw no objection to issuing this invitation provided it were extended by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences to the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and not through the Air Force.

9. Possible Satellite Launching in China

Mr. Herter referred to reports of a possible launching by the Red Chinese of an earth satellite and suggested that the OCB Working Group on Earth Satellites should consider the matter with a view

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toward developing possible courses of action to blunt the propaganda effect of such a launching.

10. Reciprocal Fairs

Mr. Herter reported that the USSR has suggested an exchange of exhibitions between the U.S. and the USSR in 1959, the exhibitions to be held in Moscow and New York, respectively. The group agreed that it would be worthwhile to accept this suggestion, but noted that there will not be enough time to arrange an American exhibit in Moscow for 1959 and that therefore 1960 should be the target date. On the other hand, they felt that should the Soviets be prepared to exhibit in New York there would be no objection to this, and agreed that the U.S. should advise the Soviet government along these lines.

11. U. N. Radiation Committee Report

It was reported that the AEC, following up previous Board discussions, has arranged with the President of the National Academy of Sciences for him to issue an explanatory statement in connection with the expected early release of the U. N. Radiation Committee's report on the effects of nuclear radiation. It was also reported that the AEC has prepared and is circulating to interested agencies a draft statement which it proposes to issue in connection with the U. N. report.

It was the consensus of the Board that there is a real question as to whether an official government statement on this subject would be a good idea. They agreed in any case that should an official release be made it should be done before or at the time of the issuance of the U. N. report.

12. Hungarian Executions


The Board then discussed developments in exploiting the propaganda situation offered by the recent executions of Nagy, Maleter and others in Hungary. It was agreed that this situation should be pursued actively. The OCB Special Committee on Soviet and Related Problems was asked to prepare as soon as possible a special report for the Board outlining actions which have been taken to date and recommendations for further actions.

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13. Trip by Secretary McElroy

Mr. Sprague asked the Board whether they perceived any objection to an extended foreign trip contemplated by the Secretary of Defense, which would be made in the Boeing 707 airplane. It was agreed that there would be advantages to having this airplane displayed in such a manner, but it was believed that civilian agencies should be represented in the party, in order to avoid identifying the new aircraft with a military objective.


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